# Met Office Mountain Weather Forecast

## Bannau Brycheiniog (Brecon Beacons) National Park

Forecast valid from 06:00 on Saturday 07 Dec 2024 until 23:59 on Sunday 08 Dec 2024

Forecast Issued on Saturday 07 Dec 2024 at 03:33

**Confidence:** High for unsettled and extreme wind conditions associated with Storm Darragh on Saturday, and for an improvement from Sunday onwards. However medium for the transitional detail and timing and location of the worst of the conditions.

**Headline for Saturday 07 Dec 2024:** Extreme wind conditions forecast with heavy rain and snow. Blizzards risk across summits.

**Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 07 Dec 2024**

**Blizzards**
Low Likelihood

**Gales**
High Likelihood

**Thunderstorms**
Low Likelihood

**Heavy persistent snow**
Medium Likelihood

**Severe chill effect**
High Likelihood

**Heavy persistent rain**
High Likelihood

**Storm force winds**
High Likelihood

**Poor visibility**
High Likelihood

**Strong sunlight**
No Likelihood

| **Weather and chance of precipitation at 600m** | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Time | | | | | |
| 06:00 | 09:00 | 12:00 | 15:00 | 18:00 | 21:00 |
| | | | | | |
| Heavy snow | Sleet | Heavy Rain | Sleet | Sleet | Light snow |
| Precipitation probability | | | | | |
| >95% | >95% | >95% | >95% | 60% | 40% |

**Forecast for Saturday 07 Dec 2024**

**Weather:** Storm Darragh will affect the region through Saturday with outbreaks of rain which will be persistent and heavy at times. Snow will affect highest summits. Cloud shrouding summits. Rain and summit snow turning showery through Saturday afternoon with brief drier spells. Some showers heavy with hail and low risk of lightning.

**Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 600m:** 10% or less for much of the period, becoming 40% at times later in afternoon and into evening

**Low cloud and visibility:** Overcast bases 300m will persist through much of the morning. Cloud will gradually lift and break after dawn, with bases occasionally above summits into late afternoon and evening. Poor or very poor visibility for much of the period, becoming moderate at times late afternoon into the evening.

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**Forecast for Saturday 07 Dec 2024**

| Height (m) | Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from) | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 06:00 | 09:00 | 12:00 | 15:00 | 18:00 | 21:00 | 00:00 |
| **600** | 49/62 NW | 52/66 NW | 47/64 NW | 46/62 NW | 44/59 NW | 39/53 NW | 35/49 N |
| **300** | 29/59 W | 31/62 NW | 28/56 NW | 27/54 NW | 24/48 NW | 21/43 NW | 20/40 N |
| **Valley** | 27/58 W | 29/61 NW | 26/55 NW | 25/54 NW | 21/47 NW | 19/42 NW | 18/41 N |

| Height (m) | Temperature / Feels Like (°C) | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 06:00 | 09:00 | 12:00 | 15:00 | 18:00 | 21:00 | 00:00 |
| **600** | 2/-8 | 1/-8 | 2/-6 | 2/-6 | 2/-6 | 2/-6 | 2/-6 |
| **300** | 3/-4 | 3/-4 | 4/-2 | 5/-1 | 4/-2 | 5/-0 | 4/-1 |
| **Valley** | 3/-3 | 4/-3 | 5/-1 | 6/0 | 5/-0 | 6/1 | 5/0 |
| **Freezing Level*** | 700m | 800m | 900m | 900m | 800m | 900m | 800m |

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

**Meteorologist's View**

Significant wind buffeting from high gusts and elevated water courses will give extreme conditions on Saturday. Some gusts could be 20-30mph higher than indicated in table above.

**Recent rainfall:** measured at Neuadd: altitude 353m

| Recorded at | Last 24 hours: | Last 48 hours: | Last 72 hours: |
|---|---|---|---|
| 03:00 on Sat 07 Dec 2024 | 15.6mm | 41mm | 61.2mm |

**Forecast for Sunday 08 Dec 2024**

**Weather:** Strong to gale northerly winds will bring a mix of brief brighter spells and blustery showers, but showers dwindling later in day as winds slowly ease.

**Maximum wind:** Northerly winds will reach gusts around 55mph at first in early hours Sunday morning.

**Chance of cloud-free hill tops 600m:** 30-60% with chance improving to 70& in the afternoon.

**Low cloud and visibility:** Broken bases 450m in early hours lifting to 700m in afternoon, but probably lowering in evening to 550m. Poor or very poor visibility becoming moderate to good in afternoon and evening.

**Temperature:** **Valleys:** Plus 4-6 degrees Celsius.
**At 600m:** Plus 1-3 degrees Celsius.
**Freezing level:** 800-1000m.

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